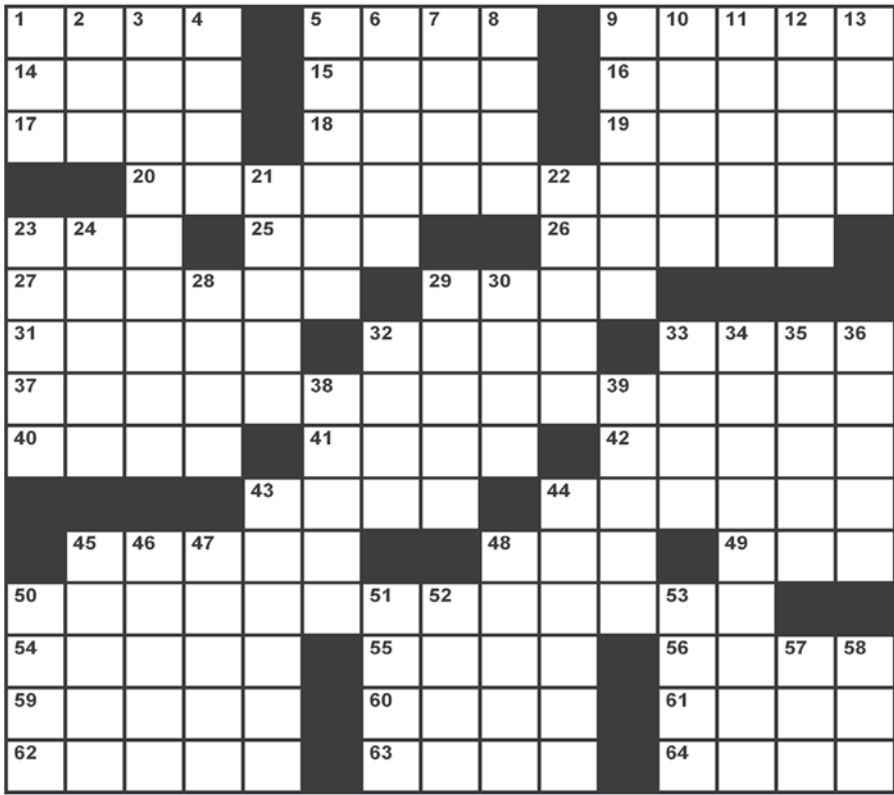


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**BURST YOUR BUBBLE** By Kenneth Holt



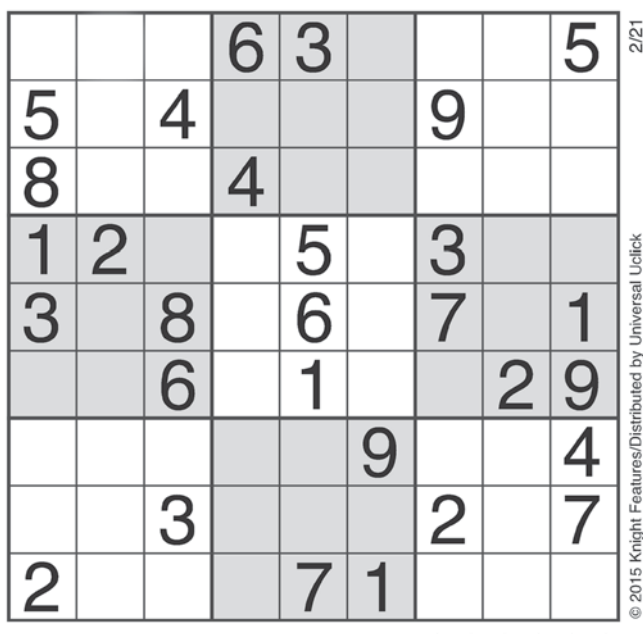
**Universal Crossword**

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- ACROSS**
- 1 One of the Three B's of classical music
  - 5 Capri, e.g.
  - 9 Buoy one's spirits
  - 14 Singer Lovett
  - 15 Barge, e.g.
  - 16 Fat-cell part
  - 17 Raze (with "down")
  - 18 Japanese wine
  - 19 Ape from Borneo, briefly
  - 20 U.S. farmers' creation of 1891
  - 23 Circus routine
  - 25 Wine category
  - 26 Stops for a breath
  - 27 Flat-bottomed boats
  - 29 Stamp of approval?
  - 31 Chicago airport
  - 32 Plant part
  - 33 "Scat" part
  - 37 What an idea may do
  - 40 "Dick Tracy" gal
  - 41 Christmas season
  - 42 Slow, in music
  - 43 Somewhat safe sword
  - 44 More glum
  - 45 School event
- DOWN**
- 1 Eatery
  - 2 "Sure, skipper"
  - 3 Pompous writings
  - 4 Big sandwich
  - 5 Disputed matters
  - 6 Burn with boiling water
  - 7 Mischief-making Norse god
  - 8 Mama merinos
  - 9 Ran off to wed
  - 10 Turkish currency
  - 11 Not together
  - 12 Applications for windows
  - 13 Tense and irritable
- 21** Clean with one's bill
- 22** Repeated too often
- 23** Take under one's wing
- 24** Small salmon
- 28** Eye part
- 29** English Channel town
- 30** Top-of-the-line
- 32** Don Juan, e.g.
- 33** Lose hair or fur
- 34** Florence of "The Brady Bunch"
- 35** Like some breakfast cereals
- 36** Dump emanations
- 38** Competitive kind of personality
- 39** Like "dis"
- 43** Brilliant performances
- 44** Grandchild of Japanese immigrants
- 45** One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 46** Vertical, as an anchor cable
- 47** Hospital VIP
- 48** Backpacker, e.g.
- 50** Office seekers, for short
- 51** Decays
- 52** Gilbert of "Roseanne" fame
- 53** 100 cents, in some places
- 57** Be ill
- 58** Aviate

**UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle**

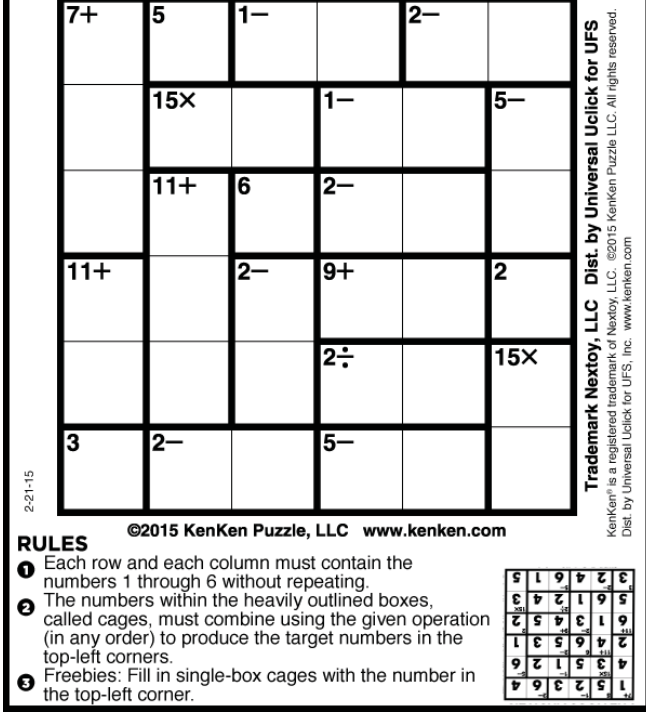
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



**RULES**

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

**7 Little Words®**

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

- CLUES**
- 1 one-piece garment (7)
  - 2 reading with dots (7)
  - 3 financial intimidation (7)
  - 4 bomb fragments (8)
  - 5 language mishap (10)
  - 6 severe stickler for rules (8)
  - 7 powerful woodwind (9)
- SOLUTIONS**



**WORD★Roundup™**

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

- Find and Circle...**
- Poker
  - Four forms of precipitation
  - Three eight-letter words
  - Three five-letter colors
  - Ex-husband to Madonna (first/last name)



**DEAR ABBY**

**Teen seeks right approach to gender-bending classmate**

**Dear Abby:** I am 17 and a senior in high school. During freshman year, one of my classmates was a boy I'll call "Alex." This year, I have been told that Alex has changed his name to "Aly," a more feminine name. Aly now sometimes dresses like a girl and sometimes like a boy.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

What gender should I refer to Aly as? Would it be rude to ask my classmate which gender he/she identifies with? — **Gender Dilemma**

**Dear G.D.:** Considering that Aly could be in a process of transition, I not only don't think the question would be rude, I think it's an intelligent one. If you ask your classmate politely and privately, I'm sure Aly will be glad to answer.

**Dear Abby:** I gave up a baby girl for adoption 29 years ago. I thought when she became an adult she would want to contact me, but I have heard nothing. I have known how to contact her for many years, but haven't done it because I didn't want to intrude in her life. I have left contact totally up to her if she chooses.

Like I said, so far I've heard nothing, and I'm just wondering why she wouldn't want to contact me or know anything about me. — **Wondering Bio-Mom**

**Dear Bio-Mom:** Are you certain your daughter knows she was adopted? While many adopted children want to know their birth parents, not all do because they don't feel anything is "missing" in their lives. They

may also think it would be disrespectful to the parents who raised them. Please don't take it personally.

**Dear Abby:** I'm stuck in the middle between my mom and my husband, "Gary," regarding a onesie my brother bought for our daughter. Gary is a die-hard Raiders fan. My mom and brother love the Chargers. Mom and my brother thought it would be funny to gift my daughter with a Chargers onesie. Mom asked me to have my child wear it during the game.

When I asked Gary what he thought, he got upset and said, "Please don't do that. I don't want your mom buying Chargers clothes thinking she can turn our daughter into a Chargers fan."

Mom texted me for a photo of the baby wearing it. I said I was sorry, but her dad doesn't want her to wear it, and she got mad and said, "Whatever!" I can't please everyone. What should I do? — **Good Sport Out West**

**Dear Good Sport:** Whether your mother and your brother thought it would be funny to give your daughter a Chargers outfit is beside the point. Your husband doesn't see the humor in it, so my advice is to let the child be logo-free until she's old enough to decide for herself whom to support.

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**DAYS GONE BY**

**100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21-22, 1915**

W.D. Humphrey and F.E. Welch returned last Friday from a fishing trip to Umatilla, bringing with them three fine steelhead salmon. The fish were caught in the Umatilla between Hermiston and Umatilla. Two of the big fish measured 26 inches and one measured 22 inches. The day before Earl Kirkpatrick caught one measuring 32 inches and weighing ten pounds. The run of steelheads entered the lower river several days ago and conditions for angling there are said to be good. More than a score of the big fish have been caught within the last week and several times many have been hooked and escaped. All of the fish have been taken on the light regulation trout tackle which has greatly increased the sport.

**50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21-22, 1965**

A fad that has caught hold in the small community of Umatilla appears doomed to a short life. The fad is searching for Indian artifacts along the banks of the Columbia River. It's doomed because the John Day Dam pool will cover the land in a few years and it's against the law to dig for historical artifacts on municipal, state or federal lands. Probably none of the people who sift through the

soft earth in vacant lots in Umatilla are aware they are potential law breakers. The National Parks Service and state archaeologists say public digging for arrowheads along the Columbia presents a serious problem for official expeditions seeking the historical facts of the region.

**25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian Feb. 21-22, 1990**

A dilapidated old house, which not only is an eyesore but a potential safety hazard, has prompted county officials to consider accelerating the process for taking possession of tax foreclosed property. Umatilla County may follow the lead of Multnomah County in adopting an ordinance that would reduce the two-year foreclosed property redemption period to 30 days in emergency situations. The "Copage property" in Weston is an example of the type of emergency that could be handled with the ordinance, Jacki Haggerty-Foster, county counsel, said. The owner of the house is dead, and the last resident of the house apparently locked several dogs inside before he moved away. The dogs destroyed the house before breaking out, Doug Olsen, the Weston city attorney, told county commissioners. Fearing potential liability, the city of Weston would like to burn the house down, but they need the county's consent now that the foreclosure process has begun, Olsen said.

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

Today is the 52nd day of 2015. There are 313 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

**On Feb. 21, 1965,** black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men — Talmadge X. Hayer, Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson — were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all three were eventually paroled.)

**On this date:**

**In 1437,** James I, King of Scots, was assassinated; his 6-year-old son succeeded him as James II.

**In 1513,** Pope Julius II, who'd commissioned Michelangelo to paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, died nearly four months after the project was completed.

**In 1613,** Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.

**In 1885,** the Washington Monument was dedicated.

**In 1912,** the Great Fifth Ward Fire broke out in Houston, Texas; although property losses topped \$3 million, no one was killed in the blaze.

**In 1916,** the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France as German forces attacked; the French were able to prevail after 10 months of

fighting.

**In 1945,** during the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.

**In 1964,** the first shipment of U.S. wheat purchased by the Soviet Union arrived in the port of Odessa.

**In 1975,** former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 1/2 to 8 years prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up (each ended up serving a year and a-half).

**Today's Birthdays:** Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe is 91. Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 88. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 82. Actor Gary Lockwood is 78. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 76. Actor Peter McEnery is 75. U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., is 75. Film/music company executive David Geffen is 72. Actor Alan Rickman is 69. Actress Tyne Daly is 69. Actor Anthony Daniels is 69. Tricia Nixon Cox is 69. Former Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, is 68. Rock musician Jerry Harrison (The Heads) is 66. Actress Christine Ebersole is 62. Actor William Petersen is 62. Actor Kelsey Grammer is 60. Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter is 57. Actor Kim Coates (TV: "Sons of Anarchy") is 57. Actor Jack Coleman is 57. Actor William Baldwin is 52. Rock musician Tad Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 42. Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt is 36. Actress Ashley Greene is 28. Actress Ellen Page is 28. Actress Sophie Turner (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 19.

**Thought for Today:** "You owe it to us all to get on with what you're good at." — *W.H. Auden, Anglo-American poet (born this date in 1907, died 1973).*

